REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	28 August 2003
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Auckland
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	The Mexican Advisor Year 01 Issue 27 7th April 2002
Other Known Title(s):	Newsletter "The Mexican Advisor" - Year 01 Issue 27 7 April 2002
Director(s):	Not Applicable
Producer(s):	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author(s):	Not Applicable
Format:	Letters
Country of Origin:	Mexico
Language(s):	English, Spanish

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running Time:
Trailers:	Running Time:
	Total Running Time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

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Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The letter *Mexican Advisor Year 01 Issue 27 7th April 2002* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is a four page letter sent from a man in Mexico to a man in New Zealand. The letter has been prepared on a computer and printed out prior to sending. It consists of text and colour photographic images most of which show pre-pubescent boys playing in the street, at a river or in a library.

Two photographs show a very young naked pre-pubescent girl, one of which focuses on her genitalia in close-up. Text accompanying these images explicitly and salaciously describes an adult man engaging in sexual activity with his two year old daughter. There are also references to pre-pubescent boys engaging in sexual activity and to the writer finding boys arousing.

The publication promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes by encouraging the reader to be sexually aroused by children, who are presented as sexually desirable and viable sexual partners.

The letter meets criteria under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, and is therefore deemed to be objectionable. A classification of objectionable places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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